

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 26th July 2012 at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

Present

Graham Jowett (chair)
Joel Elias
David Fullerton
Dawn Green
Matt Kayne
Christine Price
Tim Simon

In Attendance

Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs

1. Apologies

Mubina Asaria
Melody Mew
Steve McGuane, Share Community

2. Minutes of the last meeting (30.04.12)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Re a discussion to compile a questionnaire to centres to obtain feedback on how they could be assisted by the Network, i.e. in terms of volunteer exchange, sharing expertise, training and internships, this is now to be discussed at the conference.

4. Chair's Report

GJ informed the board of his recent visit to the formal opening of the refurbished CTEC Centre at Beaumont College, also attended by CH. GJ also attended an event hosted by Enham at Speakers House with many representatives of the disability world.

5. Network Manager's Report

CH tabled her report. on visits to CTEC Centres and other activities. She briefly also gave details of centres who were expected to put in applications to the Karten Trust in September.

6. Conference 2012

CH gave an update on progress for the conference.

CH to contact Margaret Haddock at Orchardville, Belfast to see whether she would like to be the key note speaker in order to raise the profile of the Network and discuss social enterprise. **CH**

CH to compile suggestions on the potential structure of the day and email to the board for their preferences. **CH**

It was agreed that, as in past years the Israeli delegates should be offered a contribution towards their expenses to attend the conference. The Keren will receive £3,000 for five delegates and the Centre for Deafblind Persons £600 for one person. CH to notify.

CH

It was agreed that the exhibitors will not be charged a fee for attending the conference but will be asked to make a donation or similar.

In due course, DF, MA and CH to discuss the format for this year's Karten Awards.

**DF,
MA,
CH**

7. Learn to Earn and TechDis project

CH supported TechDis in a bid to JISC for funds they are offering.

A group of CTEC Centres have put a bid in for funding to set up an online gallery, with access to learning resources for self-employment skills. It will also enable Print Centres to advertise their products. St Johns have agreed to be the lead provider. The result will be published on 16th August. If unsuccessful, the centres are keen to try to establish this anyway. It has been named 'Learn to Earn'. The West Midlands RSC were very helpful in putting the bid together.

10. Any other business

The board requested to hold a further four quarterly meetings at RNIB in exchange for our usual donation to them of £1,000. AH to arrange with RNIB and notify the board of the dates in due course.

AH

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.05p.m.

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. on Friday 5th October at RNIB, Judd Street.

Dates of future meetings

RNIB have kindly agreed for the Karten Network to hold the next four meetings at their offices in Judd Street, commencing at 11.15a.m. The dates of these meetings are as follows:

Friday 5th October 2012
Friday 25th January 2013
Thursday 18th April 2013
Thursday 18th July 2013